

Specification Amendments:

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 20 and ending on page 7 at line 17 as follows:

Figure 4 is a front view of the warning and locator collar 10 secured about a fire hydrant 40 50 providing a visually reflective signal to fire fighters of the location of a fire hydrant. Warning and locator collar assembly 10 is particularly adapted for use on fire hydrants due to the shape of the fire hydrant 40 50. Fire hydrant 40 50 is characterized by a top 42 52 having a flange portion 44 54. Top 42 52 provides the fire fighter with access to the valve opening mechanism in order to commence the flow of water. About the cylindrical body 46 56 of fire hydrant 40 50 are a plurality of hose bib flanges 48 58, the covers of which are removable by the fire fighter in order to attach a fire hose. The warning and locator collar assembly 10 would be secured about fire hydrant 40 50 between its upper flange portion 44 54 and the plurality of hose bib flanges 48 58. The warning and locator collar assembly 10 would circumscribe the hydrant body 46 56 at this location and be secured with an aluminum rivet and end cap or other suitable securing means. The warning and locator collar assembly 10, positioned in such a fashion, is not easily removable from the hydrant 40 50 by unauthorized persons due to the difficulty in gaining access thereto as it is positioned between the top flange 44 54 and the hose bib flanges 48 58.

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 18 and ending on page 8 at line 8 as follows:

The reflective material 28 utilized in warning and locator collar assembly 10 may also be varied to serve as a further indicator to firemen. The normal color for identifying a hydrant which was active, that is capable of supply a source of water, is blue, and therefore active hydrants would have a warning and locator collar assembly 10 incorporating a blue reflective

material 28. If a hydrant 40 50 was inactive, that is not capable of supplying water for whatever reason, it could be identified with a different reflective material 28 thereby identifying it to firemen as an inactive hydrant such that precious time is not wasted in attempting to secure fire hoses thereto. Additionally, a message stating "NOT IN SERVICE" or ownership identification can be screen printed to the reflective strip.

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on page 8 at line 9 and ending on page 9 at line 10 as follows:

Figure 5 is a front view of the warning and locator collar assembly 10 secured to a vehicle obstacle 50 60. The vehicle obstacle 50 60 could be of many types of forms. For instance, it could represent a utility pole proximate the edge of an unlit roadway thus presenting a potential hazard or obstacle to a land based vehicle. Vehicle obstacle 50 60 could also be in the form of a pylon or pier support on a waterway. It is this latter type obstacle that is illustrated in Figure 5 in the form of a partially submerged pylon or pier support 50 60 supporting a platform 52 62, support 50 60 being partially submerged in body of water 54 64. In this configuration, the warning and locator collar assembly 10 is wrapped about the pylon or pier support 50 60 so as to circumscribe its circumference and the fastening means 42 would be secured through apertures 32 to maintain the warning and locator strip assembly 10 in its circumscribed position. Depending upon the nature of the material constituting the pylon or pier support, the fastening means 42 may only be required to secure the ends of the warning and locator collar assembly 10 in order to maintain its position about the pylon or pier support 50 60. Alternatively, a fastening means may be used which not only secures the ends of the warning and locator collar assembly 10 in such a circumscribed position, but may also penetrate the pylon or pier support in order to maintain the circumscribed location of the warning and locator collar assembly 10.